

May 29, 2015
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America Board Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call

Members Present:

Frances Conner, Brenda Martz, Tom Rapinchuk, Lydia Castagna, Carrie Huddleston, Al Bincarousky, Stephanie Rogers, Monique Bertrand

Members Absent:

Jeff Morrison.

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. CST

Recording Secretary: Tom Rapinchuk

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes for the April 24, 2015 meeting were read. Corrections were made. Al Bincarousky motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Carrie Huddleston 2nd. Passed

Presidents Report: Brenda Martz

Various new member inquiries were received regarding magazines owed to them. The situation was corrected. Other than this small problem things are going well.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Frances Conner

NAIA sent a letter requesting that our club donate to support them. The board tabled this discussion until next meeting. A response was received from Jerry Rooney.

Approvals for the Nationals week were received with more needed.

AKC sent a letter for the club to pay \$15.00 for Obedience and Rally. Carrie Huddleston said she sent the payment and all should be good.

AKC has approved all the conformation shows for the national's week.

Monica Davi is reporting the progress of the nominating committee on time.

Lydia Castagna motioned to accept the Corresponding Secretary's report. Carrie Huddleston 2nd. Passed

Treasurer's Report: Carrie Huddleston

Carrie Huddleston reported that the transfer of the treasury has been completed. March and April 2015 statements have been sent to her and have been reconciled.

Insurance for the club and the board is due. The treasurer will pay the premium for coverage from June 8, 2015 through June 9, 2016.

A discussion took place on how to coordinate the North Carolina performance events accounting procedures. The performance committee and show secretary wanted blank signed checks to be forwarded for payments. The board said absolutely not. A procedure was set into place to have the show secretary and/or superintendant handle the process. A full report and reconciliation will then be sent to the club with a bill or check for the balance after the show.

Frances Conner motioned to have the performance show secretary and/or superintendant handle the accounting and income payments, and expenses of the performance shows. Furthermore, a fully audited report will be sent to the club with a final bill or check for the profit realized after the show. Stephanie Rogers 2nd. Passed

March 2015

Beginning Balance	\$38,080.30
Deposits/Credits	\$1,563.06
Checks Cleared	\$972.61

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Cash Withdrawals \$0.00

Ending Balance \$38,670.75

Cleared Checks

Check #2780	\$286.50	Faith Beiser	T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Order for Health Committee
Check #2782	\$127.16	Jeannette O'Hanlon	Reimbursement for "Meet the Breeds" Booth at Westminster
Check #2783	\$161.94	Jeannette O'Hanlon	Reimbursement for AKC Delegates Meeting 1st Qtr 2015
Check #2333	\$397.01	Carrie Huddleston	Reimbursement for purchase of Quickbooks for STCA

Outstanding Checks

Check #2331	\$138.71	Nancy Hjelmstad	Postage for Shipping Yearbooks & Magazines to Carla Restivo
Check #2784	\$724.49	Carla Restivo	Postage for mailing Yearbooks & Magazines, supplies for mailing
Check #2785	\$19.56	AKC	AKC Invoice #2014108/Club flier inserts for registrations
Check #2786	\$100.00	Bon-Clyde Learning Center	Deposit for June 2015 Agility Trial
Check #2787	\$132.00	Store More – Forney	Archive Storage 04/01/15 thru 04/31/15 Invoice #8766

Legislative	\$1,126.17
Rescue	\$7,498.56
Health	\$4,064.77
Archive	-\$3,015.92
Performance	\$5,616.45
Public Relations	\$702.29
Futurity 2015	\$1,421.73
Committee Funds	\$17,414.05
Club Funds	\$21,256.70

\$38,670.75

April 2015

Beginning Balance	\$38,670.75
Deposits/Credits	\$245.00
Checks Cleared	\$1,176.05
Cash Withdrawals	\$0.00

Ending Balance \$37,739.70

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Check #2787	\$132.00	Store More – Forney Archive Storage 04/01/15 thru 04/31/15 Invoice #8766
Check #2788	\$200.00	Sonia Bincarousky Reimburse AKC Agility Fee

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Committee Reports:

Health Committee: Faith Beiser Chairperson
No Report.

Public Relations: Pam Nemecek Chairperson

The committee is working on Meet the Breed for NRG (Houston World of Dog Shows) and San Antonio. We are not sure if we will get a booth this time at NRG but thinking about it. I just think they charge a hefty fee for a booth space that is not a vendor and an organization. Maybe we will pass this year and concentrate on other stuff since we will be doing Meet the Breeds at the Show.

Archives Committee: Richard Gray Chairperson

An online auction is in the process of being developed for donations to the committee.
Shelving for the storage shed may be donated rather than the committee spending funds to buy them.
A plan to digitize one of kind items is in the process of being developed to share them with the members.
Order forms are being re-worked for the magazine thanks to the suggestions of several members.
Items with large inventory numbers will be sold cheaply to make room in the storage shed.

Judge's Education/Mentor: Sara Nugent Chairperson

Sara Nugent just discovered the AKC website area where clubs can upload relevant information for judges. Sara Nugent will be placing our judges educational materials onto this website.
A judge's education seminar will be held during the national's week along with a breeder's seminar (roundtable).
No further information was given regarding the planned seminar in August/September to train new presenters for judge's education seminars.

Moonlight World Challenge: Carrie Huddleston Chairperson
No Report.

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Editorial/Magazine Yearbook: Al Bincarousky Chairperson

Changes in the operations of the committee were discussed.

The 1st quarter mailing with new procedural changes was a huge success. The club saved \$1700.

Ads not paid for were quite numerous. Some individuals owe in excess of \$400 alone. Nancy Hjelmstad will be contacted to ascertain where the moneys are.

Al Bincarousky, Stephanie Rogers, and Carrie Huddleston will reconcile and collect any moneys owed to the club.

A discussion of late fees for non-payer was discussed. Ads need to be paid for at the time of ad placement. A \$10 late fee will be assessed if paid late within 30 days. After 30 days, the obligation becomes a debt to the club and a member's good standing status could be in jeopardy. Although not a good alternative, the board will discuss the idea further.

A discussion to charge for ad designs on top of ads was discussed.

Futurity: Brenda Martz Chairperson

3 litters have been nominated for 2016. Also in 2016 a Maturity event will take place.

Everyone should consult the website for further information.

Website: Frances Conner Chairperson

No Report.

Judges Selection: Tom Rapinchuk Chairperson

No Report.

Awards:

No Report

Rescue: Courtney Morris

No Report

Standing Rules: Monica Davi Chairperson

No Report

Legislation:

The Board is seeking a replacement chairperson.

Delegate: Jeanette O'Hanlon

A delegated meeting will be taking place on June 7 and 8, 2015. The Certificate of Merit is currently in the discussion phase. A vote on the proposal will take place in December of this year.

A discussion took place concerning the rules to dog shows exclusivity proposal. The board decided to have our delegate vote for the proposal.

Performance: Sonia Bincarousky and Jeanette O'Hanlon Co-Chairpersons

More discussion took place concerning the future coordination and scheduling of performance events during the national's week for the future.

Registry of Merit: Lydia Castagna

Lydia Castagna is developing a new program to recognize breeders and their accomplishments. Please review below and apply for the Sire and Dam of Merit if your dog or bitch meets the requirements.

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Sire of Merit: A male Amstaff who sires 10 AKC registered titled get; may be awarded the title of Sire of Merit by the Staffordshire Terrier Club of America. AKC titles that are included are conformation champion and various obedience and agility titles. The titles can solely come from obedience, conformation, or agility, or any combination of the three, but must be from 10 different get.

Dam of Merit: A female Amstaff who produces 5 AKC registered titled get; may be awarded the title of Dam of Merit by the Staffordshire Terrier Club of America. AKC titles that are included are conformation champion and various obedience and agility titles. The titles can solely come from obedience, confirmation, or agility, or any combination of the three, but must be from 5 different get.

AKC Conformation titles that count toward the title of Sire/Dam of Merit are

AKC Conformation Championship or Grand Championship

AKC Performance titles that count toward the title of Sire/Dam of Merit are

Obedience

RA, CD, UD

Agility

All agility titles will be accepted

Upon completion of the above qualifications the STCA member must submit the information to the committee. Certificates will be awarded at the annual awards banquet. In cases of co-ownerships, only the owner who has applied for award will be presented with a certificate.

*Only the owners who are present at the STCA annual banquet will receive a certificate. Any certificates that need to be mailed will be charged a handling fee of \$5.00.

This is a draft proposal and further refinements will be forthcoming.

An application form will be made available on the club's website.

Sportsmanship Award: Monique Bertrand

The Sportsmanship Award will be presented at the Banquet. The committee is gathering nominations via email and the board will discuss this at future meetings.

Email Activity:

The Sportsmanship Award criteria and procedures for nominations were sent out via email.

The board meeting was changed to May 29, 2015.

A mix up with Chris Edler's membership renewal occurred. The board decided that if payment is received immediately, then this case falls under the meritorious clause of the bylaws and Chris will still be a member in good standing. Any delay in this payment will not be accepted further.

Old Business:

The plaques need to be updated on the trophies.

A replacement bowl was bought and sent to Tom Rapinchuk.

The nominating committee is on track and will have a report by June 1, 2015.

The breeder's listings are being sorted out and fixed by Carrie Huddleston and Pam Nemeec. Any overpayments this year will be refunded.

2015 National Specialty

Sara Nugent wanted to know if she is the photographer for this year. Lydia Castagna will contact Sara Nugent after she discusses the matter with Sandy Underwood.

The Kentucky club has canceled all regional Sweepstakes. Only a National Sweepstakes will be held.

The temperament test has not yet been scheduled.

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Lydia Castagna will complete the performance events premium list.
Trophies are being coordinated very well.

2016 National Specialty:

New Business:

Stephanie Rogers is working on the t-shirts.
Lydia Castagna will put up a schedule for the national's week.

Election of Members:

An application for a family membership for Michelle and Blair Aguillar was read.
Al Bincarousky motioned to accept the Aguillars as family members. Tom Rapinchuk 2nd. Passed
An application for a family membership for Sean Nowicki was read.
Al Bincarousky motioned to accept the Nowicki family membership. Carrie Huddleston 2nd. Passed
An application for a single membership for Desire Brown was read.
Carrie Huddleston motioned to accept Desire Brown as a member. Al Bincarousky 2nd. Passed
An application for a single membership for Christie Stancil was read.
Carrie Huddleston motioned to accept Christie Stancil as a member. Tom Rapinchuk 2nd. Passed
An application for a single membership for Joe Dumai was read.
Tom Rapinchuk motioned to accept Joe Dumai as a member. Carrie Huddleston 2nd. Passed

Next meeting will be June 26, 2015 at 7:30 CST.

Monique Bertrand motioned to adjourn the meeting. Frances Conner 2nd. Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 pm CST

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Rapinchuk
Recording Secretary - STCA, Inc.

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